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means, formed in at least one side wall of said casing, for defining a flow path between said fluid inlet and said single fluid outlet, said flow path defining means tapering along substantially all of its length between said fluid inlet and said single fluid outlet such that a first cross-sectional area at said fluid inlet is greater than a second cross-sectional area at said single fluid outlet.

Sub B2

8. (AMENDED) A regenerative pump for adding energy to a fluid comprising:

a casing having a fluid inlet and a single fluid outlet separated by a stripper, said casing having axially spaced, radially extending first and second side walls;

an impeller enclosed within said casing, and said impeller having an axis of rotation and axially spaced, radially extending first and second surfaces facing said first and second side walls of said casing, respectively; and

means, formed in at least one side wall of said casing, for defining a flow path between said fluid inlet and said single fluid outlet, said flow path defining means tapering inward along substantially all of its length toward said impeller from said fluid inlet to said single fluid outlet as said fluid is directed back toward said impeller as said impeller rotates.

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15. (AMENDED) A regenerative pump for adding energy to a fluid comprising:

an impeller having an axis of rotation and axially spaced, radially extending first and second surfaces;